



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) will take place. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Wednesday, June 17, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, June 18, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Alexandria—Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and Section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to receive briefings and updates relating to their current work. The Designated Federal Officer will give a status update on the Committee's requests for information. The Committee will receive briefings on increasing female accessions, USSOCOM studies, and the USMC will give an update on the Infantry Officer Course and presentation on their Personal Protective Gear. Additionally, the Committee will receive a briefing from OSD Health Affairs and a briefing from DoD SAPRO and ODMEIO on gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual assault. Insight Policy Research will provide a briefing on the Committee's installation visits and focus group findings. The Services will provide briefings on their pregnancy and postpartum policies. There will also be a public comment period.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the point of contact listed at the address in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than 5 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2015. If a written statement is not received by Monday, June 15, 2015, prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services until its next open meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Chair and ensure they are provided to the members of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. If members of the public are interested in making an oral statement, a written statement should be submitted. After reviewing the written comments, the Chair and the Designated Federal Officer will determine who of the requesting persons will be able to make an oral presentation of their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140(d), determination of who will be making an oral presentation is at the sole discretion of the Committee Chair and the Designated Federal Officer and will depend on time available and if the topics are relevant to the Committee's activities. Two minutes will be allotted to persons desiring to make an oral presentation. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. in front of the full Committee. The number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, this meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

Meeting agenda:

Wednesday, June 17, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
- Request for Information Status Update
- Briefing – Increasing Female Accessions
- Briefing – USSOCOM Studies Update
- USMC Infantry Officer Course Update
- USMC Personal Protective Gear Presentation
- Briefing -- OSD Health Affairs
- Briefing -- Gender Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Assault
- Briefing – Review of Installation Visits and Focus Group Findings

Thursday, June 18, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Welcome and Announcements
- Briefings – Services' Pregnancy and Postpartum Policies Review
- Public Comment Period

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